

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* in the **Arizona State Parks Board Room**, located at **1300 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ**. The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). **Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain.** Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

### **AGENDA**

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – BOARD STATEMENT – 10:00 A.M.**
  - 1. Board Statement** - “As Board members we are gathered to be the stewards and the voice of Arizona State Parks’ Mission Statement: Managing and Conserving Arizona’s Natural, Cultural, and Recreational Resources, Both In Our Parks and Through Our Partners for the Benefit of the People.”
- B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
  - 1. Presentation to Mr. Duane Shrouf, Commissioner, Game and Fish Commission.**
- C. CONSENT AGENDA** - The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
  - 1. Approve Minutes of October 18, 2007 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
  - 2. Approve Minutes of Executive Session of October 18, 2007 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting.**
  - 3. Designation of Park Ranger Law Enforcement Officer** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board designate Robert Shelton as an Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer, contingent upon successfully completing AZPOST Lateral Transfer procedure.
  - 4. Appoint New Members to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)** – Staff recommend that the following eight individuals be appointed to fill the vacancies in ASCOT and that they serve terms of up to three years as designated beginning January 1, 2008: Daye Haling, Citizen-at-Large (one-year term); Jim Horton, Citizen-at-Large (two-year term); Chris Hoskings, Government Agency (two-year term); Don Applegate, Government Agency (three-year term); Paul Schilke, Government Agency (three-year term);

Maureen DeCindis, Government Agency (three-year term); Mark Gullo, User Group (three-year term); and Linda Slay, User Group (three-year term). The ASCOT membership expressed their endorsement of these candidates at their October 25, 2007 meeting.

5. **Appoint New Members to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)** – Staff recommends that the Board appoint Rebecca Antle, Robert Biegel, and John J. Savino to fill the vacancies on OHVAG and that they each serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2008.

#### **D. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Proposed 2007 Parks Board Meeting Schedule** – Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed meeting schedule for calendar year 2008.
2. **Consider Recommending State Trails System Nominations** – Staff recommends that the Board accept the trails listed in Table 1 and not accept the trails listed in Table 2 into the State Trails system. Staff concurs with ASCOT's recommendation, but encourages the Committee to work with Staff on strengthening nomination criteria to avoid inconsistency in the future.
3. **Fees** – Staff recommends that the Board approve the recommended fee revisions as summarized below.
  - Implement a 50% discount for Regular Military, Reserve, National Guard, and state militia troops and their families.
  - Implement an \$11.00 camping permit for pre-arranged and limited camping at Sonoita Creek Natural Area.
  - Implement a 20% discount for Commercial Tour operators at Kartchner Caverns. This discount would be available to any Commercial operator who books a group tour for Kartchner Caverns (at least 12 persons or more). Additionally, the park entry fee will be waived, each group will be provided with a "step-on guide" upon entering the park. Groups that are 16 persons or larger that take 2 tour times will also be provided with an interpretive program for the waiting members of the group.
  - Implement a \$5.00 non-refundable reservation fee for a campsite, cabin or yurt.
  - Use of a Dump Station, for non-camping visitors will require a fee equal to one night of the low end of the Parks non-electric camping fee range.
  - Increase the daily entrance fee to \$3.00 from \$2.00 at McFarland State Historic Park. The subsequent Group Fee will be adjusted appropriately to \$2.40 from \$1.60.
  - Increase the daily entrance fee to \$10.00 from \$9.00 at Cattail Cove and Lake Havasu State Parks.
  - Increase the upper-limit of the electrified campsite range to \$30.00 from \$25.00 at Buckskin Mountain, River Island, Catalina, Dead Horse Ranch, Lake Havasu, Lost Dutchman, and Patagonia Lake State Parks
  - Implement a camping fee range at Kartchner Caverns State Park of \$19.00 - \$30.00. This will replace the existing one fee of \$22.00.
  - Increase the "Over Night Parking" fee to \$5.00 from \$4.00

- Increase the Arizona State Parks Premium Annual Entrance Pass to \$125.00 from \$100.00
- Increase the Arizona State Parks Standard Annual Entrance Pass to \$50.00 from \$45.00
- Revise the definition of the “seasonal rates” at Catalina, Lost Dutchman, Oracle, Patagonia Lake, Picacho Peak, Roper Lake, and Slide Rock State Parks to read:  
     “Friday before Memorial Day through the **end of** Labor Day” instead of:  
     “Friday before Memorial Day through the Tuesday after Labor Day.”

#### **E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Union Pacific Railroad Yard Near Picacho Peak State Park**
2. **Rio Rico/Santa Cruz Presentation**
3. **Budget Presentation on Current and Future Funding Options**
4. **Discussion regarding litigation by Mabery LLC.**

#### **BREAK**

#### **F. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES**

1. **Verde River Greenway/Pecks Lake Acquisition**
2. **ADOT Funding**
3. **Picket Post House**
4. **Tam O'Shanter**

- G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

#### **H. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be held in Phoenix, AZ on January \_\_ , 2008.**
2. **Board members may wish to discuss issues of concern and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.**

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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